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The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, the Source of comfort and courage in times of grief, our hearts are at half-mast in honor of Capitol Police Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson who were killed in the line of duty here in the Capitol last Friday afternoon. These officers are like members of our family. Their loss creates an empty place in our hearts. Now that place is filled with profound gratitude for them and their heroism. They lost their lives protecting all of us who work here and those who visit the Capitol. Greater love has no man than this, to give his life for his friends.

Dear Father, we can only imagine the wrenching grief of the families of these valorous men. Place around them Your arms of love, encouragement, and peace. Most of all, help them to know that, for believers in You, death is not an ending. Bullets cannot kill the soul. John and J. J. are alive in You.

Now we ask for one more thing. Make us more sensitive to the dangers our officers face daily. Help us to express our gratitude for what they do and for the great friends they are. In the name of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

### THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to extend our appreciation to the Chaplain for his prayer for these two fine

Capitol policemen and friends that we have lost.

I would like to ask that we take another moment of silence to remember them, and to say our personal word of prayer for their family and friends.  
(Moment of silence)

### A TRAGEDY FOR THE NATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, what happened in the Capitol last Friday afternoon was a tragedy for our Nation. But for all of us here it was something more. It was a death in the family.

We work here every day together, as Senators and as officers of the Senate, staff members, pages, policemen. We see them, and we pass them, over and over again. We talk to them. Some of them we get to know quite well.

I have had the occasion myself to develop a very personal relationship with the man that was my security detail when I was the whip in the House, a man named George Awkward. He did for me what John Gibson did for TOM DELAY as the whip in the House. We got to be very personal friends. He had pizza at night, when we would get home late, with my wife and with me and my children.

So I know how much these men and women put their lives on the line, and how much they mean to us on an individual basis, but also how far too often we walk past them; we take them for granted; we don't realize that they really are there for a very important purpose—protection of our constituents and of all of us and of this magnificent building in which we serve.

Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut were members of our congressional family. They died defending us.

They died defending this Capitol building, this temple of law, where armed violence is a sacrilege against our democratic institutions.

So much has been said in their praise, and yet we need to say more.

So much has been offered in their honor, but we still look for ways to express our admiration, our gratitude, and most of all, our sorrow.

We search for words to comfort their families, and it is not easy to find them. Some losses stay with us forever.

But far more important than our words and our condolences is the assurance of Scripture, that our Chaplain just gave—that "greater love than this has no man, than that he lay down his life for his friends."

That is what the speaker of those words did, almost 2,000 years ago, and that is what officers Chestnut and Gibson did 3 days ago.

In fact, it is what they were ready to do every day of their career, every day when they left their homes and loved ones knowing that they could face a deadly peril in their daily routine.

We do not think often enough of the quiet bravery it takes for officers like those two—the men and women who come to work, here at the Capitol and in communities throughout the country, knowing that this might be the day they encounter mortal danger in the course of their duties.

In my own area of the country—the gulf coast of Mississippi—we recently lost a policeman in the line of duty in Long Beach, MS, and it made an indelible mark on that community and on our whole region.

Senators have already been informed that Officers Chestnut and Gibson will lie in state tomorrow in the great Rotunda of the Capitol.

This is an extraordinary honor that we are paying to them. In the past only Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, and generals like Pershing and MacArthur, former Senator Pepper, have lain in repose in the Rotunda. But I think it is appropriate that these two men, who gave their lives just down one flight of stairs defending that room always packed with constituents, would have this moment to be honored the way they deserve in that room.

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